

I oppose the Federal Communications Commission's proposal to take action which will diminish the effectiveness of state Telephone Privacy Laws.

This is an example of yielding to lobbying and pressure groups who "buy you off", whether monetarily, or by promises of special favors. It is dishonest and merely contributes to the Government's reputation of immorality and dishonesty. You as Commission members may have no concern about your personal morality and reputation, but as representatives of the U. S. Government you have an obligation to live above your personal standards.

If the FCC adopted a Federal Telephone Privacy Laws which included a provision that they did not supersede more stringent State laws, a person would find no fault in your action. The Indiana Telephone Privacy Law has been absolutely effective. Prior to January 2002 we would receive 5 or six telemarketing phone calls each day, especially in the evening. Since the beginning of the year we have received a total of only 2 such calls.

There should also be a provision whereby the individual could choose to receive no political or charity calls, as well as the telemarketing calls.